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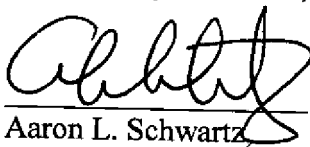
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 60, 62-66, and 82 are pending. Claims 1-59, 61, 67-81 and 83-84 are cancelled without prejudice thereto or disclaimer thereof any subject matter contained therein.

Claims 71, 74, 76-79, 81 and 83-84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated. Office Action, pages 3-6. Solely to expedite prosecution and not in acquiescence to the rejection, Applicants have cancelled these claims thereby rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Applicants do not believe that any other fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 02-2334. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and request that it be allowed. The Examiner is requested to call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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